



# Mayor Mark Mallory

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## **Mayor's Summer Youth Job Fair a Huge Success Over 2,000 Cincinnati Youth attend Job Fair seeking employment**

Cincinnati – Today, over two thousand Cincinnati Youth attended the first ever Mayor's Summer Youth Job Fair. Mayor Mark Mallory partnered with the Youth Zone and the SuperJobs Center to organize and administer the event. Dozens of Cincinnati area businesses participated in the afternoon event at the Community Action Agency in Bond Hill. The youth in attendance had an opportunity to talk to employers about job opportunities and to speak with resource agencies about job readiness information.

"I am overwhelmed by the turnout today," Mayor Mallory said. "Nobody can tell me that we do not have some ambitious youth in our city. The number of youth that showed up today proves that these kids want to go to work and they want to go to work now."

The attendance at the Job Fair surpassed all projections. For most of the afternoon, the line to get into the Job Fair stretched around the building. Employers were running out of applications, and two copy machines broke down from overuse. However, despite the crowds, the response from both potential employers and potential employees was very positive.

"Today's Job Fair was a huge success," said Teri O'Brien, Director of Youth Zone. "It was a great group of participants. The employers were incredibly enthusiastic, and the youth were both professional and respectful."

"Cincinnati's young people are looking for productive ways to spend their summer months," Mayor Mallory said. "Unfortunately, the demand for jobs is greater than the availability of jobs. This Job Fair is an important first step. But, we must continue to look for ways to increase employment opportunities for our youth."

The Job Fair featured a variety of local businesses including Kings Island, Frisch's, Kroger, Rally's, Radisson, Palomino, Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement, FedEx, and T-Mobile, National Amusements/ Showcase Cinemas, Burger King, Skyline Chili, White Castle, I HOP, Job Corps, Convergys, TechBridge, Enviro Clean Technologies, Wesley Education Center, American Building Maintenance Company, Burke, Inc., Boyd Brothers Transportation, 5/3 Bank, PNC Bank, US Bank, and Sentrilock among others. The City of Cincinnati was also seeking employees with representatives of the Police Department, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and the Department of Public Services taking applications.

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